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SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I appreciate that we can come to a vote on the amendment. We're trying to expedite this. We've now had a hearing by a committee of the whole and I think a number of us can work on it between now and Select, but I think...I think this is a reasonable way to proceed and I urge the adoption of the amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: You've heard the closing. The question before the body is the adoption of the Brashear amendment. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 10 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the amendment to the committee amendments.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: The amendment is adopted. We're now debating the advancement of the bill. We're debating the adoption of the committee amendments. Senator Connealy, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR CONNEALY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I guess one thing I didn't hear, that the Anstine claim was a miscellaneous claim, not a tort claim. Her original proposal was \$324,000. There's some discussion of whether that was what the savings was, but we, as a committee, did believe that it was a substantial amount of savings for the state. I wanted to correct those things on the record. I appreciate the discussion we've had this morning. I think the answer to the ALRs is one of two ways. I think that it's either get rid of that part of our law or assign it to the Attorney General. I don't think it's really a county attorney's responsibility. It's not a court order...a court process. It's an administrative process that we've awarded to the Department of Motor Vehicles the power to pull somebody's license. They have to go to court to appeal it, but it actually is an administrative responsibility. I think that we ought to keep it with us or get rid of it. But I do appreciate all the comments. I have tried to bring different agencies and individuals together over the interim. I'll continue to do that. I think that we have a solution out there, but the cost is prohibitive. With that, I'll close on the committee amendments, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: You've heard the closing. The question